



TRIPLE MURDER SHOCKS COURT; POLICE CHARGES HELD NOT LEGAL

NAME H. LYNCH IN SCHROEDER-RAPP MYSTERY

Witnesses Tell Story of How Three Men Were Killed; Bartender Recites Story of Previous Quarrel.

Echoes of the sensational Rapp-Schroeder murder were heard in district court when witnesses in a \$25,000 damage suit brought by Mrs. Marguerite Rapp, widow of one of the slain men, against Peter Moscrey, a former saloonkeeper, and his bondsmen, told their stories.

Mrs. Rapp is suing Moscrey on behalf of herself and her four young daughters. She alleges that liquor procured in Moscrey's saloon at 1202 South Twentieth street on the night of the triple killing—July 15, 1914—caused her husband, William Rapp, and the Schroeder brothers, Fred and Peter, to "loiter and delay on their way home and to become boisterous, noisy, careless, reckless, annoying and quarrelsome to persons unknown."

Story of Crime.

George Selix told the jury what occurred in the street near his home on the night of the murder. Selix, who lives in a house near Twenty-fourth and Pacific streets, about seventy-two feet from the scene of the crime, testified that he went home between 9 and 9:30 o'clock that night and noticed three men sitting on the street curb drinking beer out of a jug. He said they were quarreling among themselves and using much profanity. At the time, he said, he recognized none of the men.

While eating my evening meal," Selix testified, "I could hear the men talking loudly in angry tones. "Shortly afterwards I heard two shots and rushed out on the front porch just in time to see the flash of another shot. One of the men reeled and fell," he testified.

"Then came another flash while I was standing on the porch and another shot was fired. I heard a man lying on the ground cry, 'Oh, my God! Don't!'"

Heard Sixth Shot.

Selix testified that as he was pushing his wife back in the house a sixth shot was fired; that he saw two men leave the scene and heard another tramp through the weeds in another direction.

Throughout a grilling cross-examination Selix stuck to his denial that there was a fourth person in the street when the shots were being fired.

William McDonnell, bartender in the Moscrey saloon, testified that he told the Schroeder brothers and Rapp brother. He said the Schroeders were quarreling with Humphrey Lynch in front of the saloon at 8 o'clock, whereupon he protested to the trio, adding that they and Rapp went across the street and continued the quarrel.

"After I finished work I went across the street, where the four men were quarreling," so he told the jury. "I heard one of the Schroeders say to Humphrey Lynch, 'I'll get the money or I'll take it out of your hide.'"

Offered to Whip Lynch.

During the heated argument one of the Schroeders began to boast that "he could whip any man in the neighborhood," and that he "would bet \$10 he could lick Humphrey Lynch." McDonnell said that Lynch then put \$10 in his (McDonnell's) hand, but declared that Schroeder said he didn't have to fight Lynch, as he could get \$25 for fighting at the "Elk" club.

The bartender testified that the men kept on quarreling and that Lynch

Proposes War Tax on Tea, Sugar and Coffee

Washington, May 29.—Another fundamental change in the war tax bill was agreed upon unanimously today by the senate finance committee, which decided to strike out the whole section levying \$200,000,000 by a general tariff increase of 10 per cent on an ad valorem basis.

DUNN'S CHARGES NOT LEGAL, RINE TELLS COUNCIL

City Attorney Holds No Legal Offense is Charged in the Complaint; Investigation to Take New Course.

City Attorney Rine Tuesday told the city council that charges prepared by Chief of Police Dunn against Captain Stephen Maloney and Detective Paul Sutton did not constitute charges as required by law.

"No offense is charged," said Mr. Rine. "The fact that Captain Maloney may be charged at Chadron with conspiracy to blackmail does not constitute conduct unbecoming an officer, as specified in the charges."

"You or I may be charged with conspiracy to blackmail, but that would not necessarily make it true. This council has the power to investigate the police department or any other department of the city without filing charges."

Superintendent Kugel explained that he filed the charges because the chief prepared and signed them and he assumed that the chief had information upon which to sustain the charges. The documents were formally filed at the council meeting and June 12 was set for date of hearing, subject to postponement if the Chadron case shall not have been completed before that date.

Chief Ready for Hearing.

When he signed the charges last Saturday, Chief Dunn stated: "I thought it was time to have a public hearing and get at the bottom of the whole affair. I want all of the facts brought out."

"If it is necessary to have an investigation instead of a hearing on the charges, Chief Dunn said he would agree to that method.

During an all-afternoon session two months ago between Superintendent Kugel and Chief Dunn in the former's office, this colloquy took place: "I am going to hold you responsible for the conduct of the police department. I am getting tired of the things I hear and read," said Kugel. "Well, I insist upon having men I can work with harmoniously and efficiently," replied the chief.

After that Kugel assigned Detective Sutton to special work at Chadron without having the assignment go through the chief's office, according to Kugel's published statement.

Chadron Case Presses.

Closely associated with the city hall phase of the ruthless factional warfare is the Chadron case, which is pressing forward for renewed interest.

C. W. Pipkin, secretary of the Omaha Detective association, and one of the men charged in the Dawes county court with conspiracy to blackmail, left today for Chadron. Other Omaha men who leave Wednesday afternoon to appear Thursday morning for preliminary hearing with Pipkin are:

Stephen Maloney, chief of the Omaha city detective department; Harvey J. Wolf and William S. Dolan, officials of the Omaha Detective association.

Philip Winckler, operative for the Omaha Detective association. Gust A. Tylee, detective with the same agency.

"The Chadron men under charges are:

Allen G. Fisher, attorney for Robert Hood. Charles J. Day, hotel man. Louis K. Mote, former city marshal of Chadron under Fisher.

Ben S. Baker will accompany the Omaha party as counsel.

Charges in Complaint. The complaint filed by County Attorney Critts at Chadron before County Judge Slattery reads in part: "The complaint and information of Edwin D. Critts, as county attorney, on his oath says that Philip Winckler, Charles J. Day, Allen G. Fisher, Louis K. Mote, Gust A. Tylee, Stephen Maloney, Harvey J. Wolf, Charles W. Pipkin and William S. Dolan, on or

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Be Ready for Registration Day—These Are the Questions

Registration form with 12 numbered questions: 1 Name in full, Age in yrs., 2 Home address, 3 Date of birth, 4 Are you a natural-born citizen... 5 Where were you born?, 6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?, 7 What is your present trade, occupation or office?, 8 By whom employed? Where employed?, 9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)?, 10 Married or single? Race?, 11 What military service have you had? Rank, branch, years, Nation or State, 12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true

SIGNATURE

EVERY ELIGIBLE MAN TO REGISTER; NONE MAY ESCAPE

Election Commissioner Moorhead Says No Man Between 21 and 31 Can Escape His Machine.

"Let no eligible man escape registration," is the new slogan of Election Commissioner Moorhead.

He said that the opinion is general that the worst kind of slacker is the man between 21 and 31 years old who plans to evade conscription by not registering.

"I have an exceptionally efficient crew of registrars—ten of them are women—and I look for as nearly a complete registration as possible in greater Omaha on June 5," he said.

More than 300 absentees, as well as scores of sick persons, have sent in their registrations. The law requires that all persons in these classes shall mail or send in their registrations by June 5.

Men Abroad Must Register.

Only a few Omahians will come under the ruling which says that registers in foreign countries shall register within five days after returning to this country. "This means that if a man between the ages of 21 and 31 now in Europe or elsewhere shall return to this country six months from now he will have to register just the same.

Some confusion is resulting from the term "permanent residence" in the registration regulations. Hundreds of telephone calls are received daily at the election commissioner's office asking what an eligible should do if he moved to another city a few days before June 5.

"If a person intends to make that place his permanent residence then he should register from there," said Mr. Moorhead. "But if he still considers Omaha his home, then the proper precinct here is the place. Everyone within the specified ages must register somewhere."

Thirty-eight registration cards, filled in by prisoners in the county jail who are eligible to conscription, were sent to registration officials Tuesday. Eight of the eligibles in the jail are residents of other cities. The rest are Omaha men. The law requires that all prisoners between the ages of 21 and 31 be registered.

Insures Farmers Against Losses by Low Prices

New York, May 29.—With a fund of \$25,000, which later may be increased, the West Chester county commission of safety has insured between fifty and seventy-five farmers against all possible losses on their crops in the event that prices should drop, it was announced today.

These farmers, who have enlisted in the reserve army of food producers, are assured a minimum price of \$1.50 a bushel for potatoes and \$1.75 a bushel for corn and buckwheat.

In turn the farmers have pledged themselves to increase their acreage and raise as much food as the soil can develop.

To Train Divisions At Two Texas Towns

San Antonio, Tex., May 29.—General Parker's recommendation that a camp for the training of a division of troops be established in San Antonio and one in El Paso has been approved by the War department, it was announced here today.

OMAHA TO HONOR SOLDIER HEROES, DEAD AND LIVING

Memorial Day Has a Double Significance This Year; Main Celebration to Be at Auditorium.

Observance of Memorial day—today—will be with a double significance this year.

Honor will be paid to both departed heroes and the heroes-to-be—young men of the country who have answered and who will answer their country's call.

In Omaha the principal celebration will be held at the Auditorium. Knights of Columbus are to be in charge of the morning observance. Archbishop Hart, R. L. Metcalfe and others will speak.

The afternoon celebration will be under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans and Spanish War Veterans. Rev. John F. Poucher will be the principal speaker.

Meet at Jefferson Square. The old soldiers will meet at Jefferson Square at 2 o'clock and march to the Auditorium. The Omaha Fire and Drum corps and a trio representing "The Spirit of '76" will march with the veterans.

Flowers will be scattered on the graves of veterans in the various cemeteries in the morning.

The following program will be observed at the Auditorium in the afternoon: Music—Will Hetherington. Invocation—Rev. G. A. Hulbert. Reading—"General Logan's Order," Earl W. Lowe.

Solo—Mrs. R. L. Slanaghan. Reading of Roll of Honor—R. S. Wilcox. Taps—C. B. Mape. Solo—"In God's Acre," Miss Lena Boling. Lincoln's Gettysburg Speech—Ray J. Abbott.

Music—Grand Army quartet, consisting of E. W. Johnson, D. M. Haverly, W. B. Russell and M. R. Staley. Address—Rev. John F. Poucher. "The Vacant Chair"—Quartet composed of Mat Hubbard, C. E. Boeke, Mrs. F. D. Cooper and Miss Anna Helm.

"America"—By the audience. Benediction—Rev. G. A. Hulbert.

American Ambulance Corps Starts to Front

No. 26 of the American field service started for the front yesterday. The field service counts upon the arrival of 240 recruits this week and as many as this number or even more each week thereafter.

HOSPITAL SHIP SENT TO BOTTOM BY SUBMARINE

British Steamer, Castle of Dover, Sunk in Mediterranean—Patients and Staff Members Are Saved.

London, May 29.—The British hospital ship Dover Castle has been torpedoed and sunk, it is announced officially.

The British armed merchant cruiser Hilary also has been torpedoed and sunk and a British destroyer has been sunk after a collision.

The text of the British announcement reads: "His majesty's hospital ship Dover Castle was torpedoed without warning at 6:30 o'clock on Saturday in the Mediterranean. At 8:30 it was again torpedoed and subsequently sunk. The whole number of hospital patients and the hospital staff were safely transferred to other ships and the crew were also saved with the exception of six men who are missing and are feared to have been killed by the explosions.

"His majesty's armed merchant cruiser Hilary, Acting Captain F. W. Dean, has been torpedoed and sunk in the North Sea. Four men were killed by the explosion.

"One of his majesty's torpedo boat destroyers has been in collision and sank. There were no casualties."

One of Big Steamers.

The Dover Castle, 8,271 tons gross and 476 feet long, was built in 1904 and was owned by the Union Castle Mail Steamer company. The Hilary is a Booth liner of 6,239 tons gross, 418 feet long, built in 1908.

Baker Says Army Faces Ruin; Wants Money Now

Chicago, May 29.—In response to Secretary Baker's appeal to have appropriations of the entire regular army bill, aggregating \$273,000,000, made immediately available, resolutions were introduced in congress today for that purpose.

Secretary Baker said the treasury balance for army pay is "barely sufficient to carry the army until the end of May," and contractors furnishing clothing and equipment for the new army forces are pressing for payment of bills totalling \$18,000,000 with further bills in sight.

"Default of the government at this juncture spells disaster," said Secretary Baker.

Want Submarine and Air Craft Bases on Pacific

Washington, May 29.—Appropriation of \$7,455,000 for submarine and aircraft bases on the Pacific coast is recommended in a fourth report of the special naval yard and station committee sent to congress today by Secretary Daniels.

Absolve Mongolia's Crew For Death of Two Nurses

Washington, May 29.—The naval armed guard and its commander, of the American liner Mongolia, are absolved from all responsibility for the unique gun-practice accident that resulted in the death of two Red Cross nurses aboard the vessel recently in a report made public today by the Navy department.

GERMANS LINE UP FOR OFFENSIVE MOVE IN FRANCE

Attempt on Grand Scale to Break Allied Lines is Expected Soon; Italians Continue Drive.

(Associated Press War Summary.)

An impending German offensive along the French-British front is indicated today by the intense aerial activity. The British report of last night emphasized this in its account of twelve German machines destroyed and ten others driven out of control, while today Paris announces the bringing down of seven German airplanes and the serious damage of twelve others.

The German infantry facing the British armies is apparently being held in check, but sharp attacks continue upon the French lines, notably in the Champagne region. Two of these were launched last night in the Hurtzise district, but were repulsed.

The French made a minor thrust on their own account in the Verdun region, where the activity is becoming more marked of late on both sides. A small German post north of Vacheranville was captured in this operation.

Meanwhile on the Austro-Italian front, General Cadorna is steadily pushing back the Austrian lines upon Trieste.

Italians Take More Guns.

Rome, May 29.—(Via London.)—The Italians in the Plava sector yesterday drove the Austro-Hungarian force to the end of the valley east of Globna, says the official statement issued today. Since May 14, the statement adds, Austro-Hungarian prisoners taken on the Julian front number 23,681. The Italians also captured thirty-six guns, including thirteen of the heaviest calibre.

Britons Drive Off Raiders.

London, May 29.—"Hostile raiding parties were driven off during the night southwest of Lens and west of Messines," says today's official statement. "We made successful raids north of Ploegsteert wood. The enemy's artillery was active last night in the neighborhood of Bullecourt and on both banks of the Scarpe."

French Attack Repulsed.

Berlin, May 29.—(Via London.)—The repulse of French attacks in the Aisne and Champagne regions and of advances of hostile reconnoitering parties along the front occupied by British is announced by army headquarters today.

American Schooner Sunk And Its Crew Robbed

New York, May 29.—The American schooner Margaret B. Rouss, which left St. Andrews Bay, Florida, February 4, with lumber for Genoa, was sunk by a submarine April 27 near the French-Italian coast and the crew robbed by the Germans, according to Captain Fred L. Foot, master of the schooner, who arrived today from France.

Captain Foot said the Germans stripped his vessel of foodstuffs, navigating instruments and even the extra clothing of himself and his six men. They were set adrift in an open boat and were picked up by a patrol boat. The schooner was sunk by bombs.

Final Action on Espionage Measure is Postponed

Washington, May 29.—The administration espionage bill as finally agreed upon by house and senate conferees and including the newspaper censorship and export embargo sections was presented for final passage today in both houses of congress, but action was deferred until later.

Liberty Bonds Salesmen Have Parade in Chicago

Chicago, May 29.—Liberty bond salesmen, 640 strong, accompanied by a military escort, paraded through the city today. Later the salesmen, under squad commanders, broke up into detachments of ten men each and made a systematic canvass of office buildings, hotels and factories.

Draft Constitutional, Says California Court

San Francisco, May 29.—The claim that the selective draft passed by congress May 17, violates the federal constitutional provisions prohibiting "slavery and involuntary servitude," advanced by Ferdinand Claudius of Oakland, Cal., was characterized by the supreme court today as "utterly without merit."

A previous application for similar relief was denied by the court without comment. Claudius' counsel declared that he would take his plication to the United States supreme court.

TAKE STEPS TO FOIL TEUTON DRAFT PLOTS

U. S. Attorney General Orders Precautions Taken to Protect Registrars Against Anti-Conscriptionists.

Washington, May 29.—Because of rumors of trouble planned for registration day, Attorney General Gregory today instructed United States attorneys and marshals throughout the country to make certain that registrars are protected "to the fullest extent," and that immediate and effective legal steps are taken against any who fail or refuse to register.

German influences to encourage resistance to army draft, uncovered in Texas by a federal grand jury investigation, already have resulted in eleven indictments.

Other arrests on the same charge made in various cities by agents of the Department of Justice apparently are not so closely linked with German influence, but are being investigated.

In the Texas case, according to an official announcement by the Department of Justice, an organization was formed some time ago ostensibly for the purpose of co-operative buying. Its members were required to take a secret oath.

Buy High-Powered Rifles.

Soon after the enactment of the army draft law, the official announcement says, "a strong German influence succeeded in inducing the organization to turn its efforts to combating conscription and high-powered rifles were obtained to intimidate persons subject to registration and the officials who will be appointed to perform the registration."

In some western cities there are evidences of an effort afoot to defeat the registration, but the Department of Justice, it was officially announced, is fully prepared to deal with the offenders under existing law and the new espionage bill now nearing completion in congress which imposes heavy penalties for such offenses.

Two Arrests in Virginia.

Scattered over the country are sporadic efforts to interfere with registration, but officials here do not believe they are connected. The Texas case, in which the German influence is clearly established, and the arrest of two mountaineers in southwestern Virginia, are the most conspicuous instances.

The two Virginians, William McCoy and J. W. Phipps, both well known characters in the feud region, are in jail at Roanoke and government agents say they have complete evidence to show they plotted organized resistance to the draft as well as a wholesale attack upon the landed people of the vicinity, whose property they intended to divide between themselves.

Will Act Decisively.

As the day of registration draws near the Department of Justice and other agencies of the government are carefully watching for evidences of resistance to the law and are prepared to deal with them promptly.

Take Steps to Offset Plot June 5. "These arrests," says Attorney General Gregory, in an official statement, referring to the proceedings already under way, "should be accepted by the country generally as a warning against interfering with the enforcement of the provisions of the new army law. They merely demonstrate what the Department of Justice proposes to do in every case where attempts are made to hinder or discourage registration."

New Law is Drastic.

A section of the espionage bill dealing with interference with army registration provides penalties of twenty years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine. This section of the bill says: "Whoever, when the United States is at war, shall willfully make or convey false reports or false statements with intent to interfere with the operation or success of the military or naval forces of the United States, or to promote the success of its enemies, and whoever, when the United States is at war, shall willfully cause, or attempt to cause, subordination, disloyalty, mutiny or refusal of duty in the military or naval forces of the United States or shall willfully obstruct the recruiting or enlistment service of the United States to the injury of the service or of the United States, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment

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The Weather

For Nebraska—Showers; cooler.

Table with 3 columns: Time, Temperature, Wind. Rows for 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m., 11 p.m., and 24-hour average.

Comparative Local Record.

Table with 3 columns: Date, High, Low. Rows for Highest yesterday, Lowest yesterday, Mean temperature, Precipitation, and Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal.

Reports From Stations at 7 P. M.

Table with 4 columns: Station and State, Temp. High, Rain, Fall. Lists weather reports for various locations including Cheyenne, Lawrence, Denver, Des Moines, Dodge City, North Platte, Omaha, Rapid City, Sheridan, Sioux City, Valentine, and W. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.